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For: POWDERS-AFFIXED NONWOVEN FABRIC, PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING
SAME, AND SHEET MATERIAL CONTAINING SAME

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 5, second full paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, there is also provided a process for
manufacturing a sheet material comprising the steps of:
ejecting aggregates of fine short fibers having a fiber diameter of 4 μ m or less and a fiber length
of 3 mm or less, or a group of the aggregates, and/or mechanically dividable fibers capable of
generating fine short fibers having a fiber diameter of 4 μ m or less and a fiber length of 3 mm or
less, or aggregates of the mechanically dividable fibers, together with powder materials, from a
nozzle into a gas by an action of a compressed gas, to thereby divide the aggregates of the fine

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